

## ORLEANS

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hill and Miss Julia and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill were Sunday guests of the latter's son, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill of Sunfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leach and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale drove to Grand Rapids Sunday. Mrs. Lydia Alderman celebrated her 88th birthday by riding with them and visiting her sister who lives there and is 94 years of age. Mrs. Alderman is a well preserved lady for one of her years.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hall were at Baldwin lake Sunday.

Mrs. Hazel Spaulding and daughter spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner and family.

Messrs. Bert Hill, Alden Rowley and wives were at Long Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. York and Mrs. W. S. Purdy and children were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woodbridge Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whipple of Belding called on friends Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins and Miss Hildah Christensen of Saranac are spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Christensen and family.

Mrs. Nora Palmer and Lyle spent a few days last week with Mrs. Ross in Ionia.

Claude Jackson, son of Henry Jackson was home on a seven day furlough and came for a visit with his grandfather, Hyde Jackson and other relatives. He was one of the 1,400 who were saved at the sinking of the San Diego. They were in the water four hours and all but six were saved. He has been a fireman on the boat over a year since joining the navy.

Mrs. C. G. Holland was a Sunday guest of her son, Theo and wife in Ionia.

Mrs. A. P. Sabin visited Mrs. Fannie Eckert Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Net Spaulding and family were Sunday callers on Mrs. Delia Spaulding, Mrs. Nora Palmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Spaulding and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knight and family of Belding are camping at Long Lake a few days.

Mrs. Alice Wilkinson came Friday from Mt. Pleasant for a four weeks' vacation from school work.

Green's Ladies' Aid will picnic at Long Lake Friday, Aug. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hoppough of East Orleans spent Sunday at Baldwin lake, Greenville.

Orleans W. C. T. U. will have a sunshine meeting at the home of Mrs. M. L. Howe August 30. All members of the L. T. L. and parents are invited.

Al Meade is some better.

Mrs. Ivo King has a serious attack of the grippe.

Mrs. Geo. Hoyt has been very ill but is a little better.

Several attended the services in John Rasmussen's grove Sunday.

Mrs. Austin Reid passed away at about 9 a. m. Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Ransom near Shiloh.

Frank and Eugene Hoppough and wives attended the Smyrna Friendship club picnic at Reed's lake Thursday.

Miss Louella Ehlers of Easton, Mrs. Ethel Johnson of Belding, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cross of Grand Rapids, Ray McKibbin of Detroit were Sunday visitors at D. C. Wilbur's.

Mrs. E. C. Hoppough has a serious attack of rheumatism and is staying with Mrs. Mark Hoppough in Ionia.

The funeral of Mrs. Austin Reid will be held at the M. E. church Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Elmer Towne returned to her home near Blanchard Saturday evening after several weeks' visit with friends.

Mrs. Electa Towne visited friends in Westland South Orleans the past week.

Mrs. John Othogh of Lansing spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schultz and other relatives.

The farmers of Orleans and vicinity will appreciate the fact that a feed mill has been installed at the elevator as they were greatly inconvenienced by the loss of the other mill by fire last January.

Mrs. A. L. Sherwood and two daughters are spending the month at the Hammon cottage at Long Lake, Mr. Sherwood driving over after closing hours.

Mrs. Minnie E. Gates received a letter from her son Seth from "somewhere in France". He writes that he is o. k. and the weather is fine, not very warm nor much rain. Mr. Gates is a telegraph operator in the Signal corps and thinks it would be fine to see the country and meet others but they are kept by themselves. He wonders if we use rye bread here. They use it there and like it. The

soldiers' letters are coming fine now, this letter being written the 1st of July, mailed the 7th and received on Aug. 5.

Mrs. H. M. Purdy, Mrs. J. M. York and children, Mrs. Robt. Howe, Mrs. Abbey and Mrs. Burns, were guests at the White home last Wednesday.

Mrs. Eugene Decker and daughter, Helen visited Mrs. Rollie Young last week Tuesday.

Mark Gates is entertaining his friend, John Barton of Portland a few days this week. Mr. Barton has enlisted in the Marines and expects to leave the last of the month.

Mrs. Robt. Howe spent Thursday with her son, Zala Howe and family near Ionia.

Chas. LaDow was a Sunday caller at Chas. White's.

Mrs. Levi Howe spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Martin. Her sister, Miss Beatie Martin, left Friday for Washington, D. C. where she has accepted a government position.

## MURRAY LAKE

The Smyrna Friendship club held a picnic at Reed's lake last Thursday. Those from Moseley who attended were Maurice Trumbull and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Norton, R. B. Davis and family and Mrs. Verne Leach.

Cora Kropf spent Wednesday and Thursday in Belding.

Horace Weeks and wife, Allen Godfrey and family spent Monday in Clarksville.

Harley Pickens and wife spent Sunday with Clyde Francisco and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson are entertaining his sister from Grand Rapids.

Rev. Chas. Rennells and wife of Berlin visited his parents, Stephen Rennells and wife last week.

Clayton Frost, who is working in Detroit for the Maxwell Motor Co., spent a few days last week with his brother, Gordon and family.

Callers at Hosmer Andrews' home this week were Mrs. Ella Jakeway of Lowell, Mrs. M. A. Godfrey of Belding, Sigel Norman, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Godfrey of Traverse City and Mr. and Mrs. Mike McAndrews and Martin Longworthy.

## PARNELL

Miss Madge Bresnahan spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Bresnahan.

Mrs. Harold Johnson has returned to her home in Grand Rapids after spending two weeks with her parents. John Burns is very poorly.

Douglas Scully of Harvard was buried in St. Patrick's cemetery on Tuesday.

Mrs. Clyde Sanborn of Hubbardston is spending a few weeks with her sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meadendorph and children spent Sunday with friends.

James Hudson was home from Camp Custer over Sunday.

(All right, Parnell, write under any name you wish, but write every week.—Editor.)

## OAKFIELD

The weather still continues hot and dry, although it tried to rain last Sunday. Good weather to gather the golden grain.

Miss Jennie Hill has been helping Mrs. Geo. Wood with her housework the past few days.

Judson Wellman has begun the season's threshing with his new outfit.

Tom Jones and family visited in Rockford Saturday evening.

Mrs. Havens and Mrs. M. E. Stults visited Mrs. Chas. Dennis and mother Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Clint Braden and children visited Herman Nelson and wife near Sparta last week.

Art Holmden and family have moved to Harvard. He will have charge of the postoffice and be hello-man at the telephone station.

Chas. Havens and a neighbor were up from Greenville a few days tenting and fishing. They returned Sunday evening; not much luck at fishing.

Jud Wellman and wife and M. E. Stults, Mrs. Havens, Will Deal and family, Mrs. Wm. Slaughter were all Greenville visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stevens arrived from Chicago Sunday evening by auto to visit their mother, Mrs. Havens, a few days.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sisson last week another son. All reported doing well.

Mrs. Will Deal helped Mrs. J. Deal cook for threshers last Monday.

Will the recording angel ever be able to find the soul of a man who wouldn't give up wheat when another man was willing to give up his life?

## ASHLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Olmstead, Mr. and Mrs. Lessiter Brown and family spent Tuesday in Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhinesmith and son of Sheridan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hoover last week Wednesday.

Miss Ida Baxter of Morley spent a few days last week with Mrs. C. L. Beardslee.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rasmussen were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hansen near Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lunn of Fairplains, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gage and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Saunderson of Courtland were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jenks last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hoover motored to Sand Lake Sunday to visit Arthur Hoover and family.

No word has been received from Billy Butts for some time but we hope some one may hear good news soon.

Mrs. E. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Peck and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Stevens last Sunday.

All the young people be sure to come to B. Y. P. U. next Sunday evening. The young people have been having their meeting on the church lawn for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Brooster and two sons and Miss Sedore of Stanwood were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beardslee.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morton and daughter of Mecosta, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith were guests at Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Eggleston's last Sunday. Mrs. Eggleston returned home with Mr. Howard Morton for a few days' visit.

## OTISCO ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott of Saranac spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Deitz and daughter, Irene and Geo. Brown visited on Sunday at Mr. Houghton's of West-ville. Mrs. Brown, who has been visiting there the past week, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves and two children of Orleans visited Sunday at E. J. Reeves'.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Locke of Ionia and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sykes of Easton were Sunday evening callers at J. L. Morse's.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Moore visited from Saturday until Monday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Richmond of Vergennes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reeves and baby were Sunday afternoon callers on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reeves and at E. J. Reeves'.

Mrs. Louis Ross, who has been visiting her son, Herbert Ross and wife returned to her home in Orion last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Swears and two children visited Thursday and Friday at Mr. Rowley's of Easton.

Mrs. Cook of Belding visited the latter part of the week with Mrs. L. J. Kimberly.

Mrs. Henry Werner visited her sister, Mrs. F. L. Moon Friday.

Mrs. Mary Stoughton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jago Root and other relatives in Grand Rapids.

Harry Reeves, who has government work at Moline, Ill., is spending a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reeves and with his brothers.

Shafter arbor, A. O. O. G., will hold the next regular meeting Thursday evening, Sept. 19. Owing to so many entertainments the coming week and also the neighborhood picnic Aug. 15, it was thought best not to have a meeting in August.

## BRINK

Mrs. Chas. Holmes and Mrs. Chas. Graft visited Mrs. M. L. Howe Wednesday afternoon.

James Young of Milwaukee visited his sister, Mrs. W. E. Leach from Tuesday till Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klump and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kohn were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Kohn.

Mrs. Henry Burns and daughter, Neva visited Mr. and Mrs. Milo Towne Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ross Chickering visited Mrs. Emory Chickering Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Towne and family visited the former's brother, Albert Towne and family Sunday and enjoyed a duck dinner.

Mrs. Margaret Kemle returned home Thursday after visiting her sister, Mrs. Kohn and other relatives.

Misses Hazel Snow and Lydia Towne and Lela Towne and brother, Herbert were callers at Mrs. M. L. Howe's Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Lena Goff presented Mrs. W. E. Leach with a nice bouquet of oleanders for which accept thanks.

Mrs. Geo. Wiley was a caller on Mrs. W. E. Leach Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snow visited Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Milo Towne and daughter, Lela and son, Herbert visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earle Monday.

Mrs. Clarence Snow was a caller on Mrs. M. L. Howe Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hite Eckert called on Mr. and Mrs. Al Mead Sunday afternoon.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carpenter on the arrival of a nice girl who will go by the name of Gertrude Sarah.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillips and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith of Mecosta Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Mast and son Jesse and wife and son and Cal Catter were the supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brink Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snow visited their son, Chauncey Snow and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wilson and daughter, Helen, attended the Baptist Sunday school picnic at Long Lake on Thursday.

Miss Eleanor Curtis returned to Belding Saturday afternoon after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brink and sister, Olive and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Choate and her brother Russell and other friends for two weeks.

Chas. Hathaway of Alma visited Clarence Snow and family over Sunday.

Mrs. Herb Regan and Mrs. Clarence Snow called on Mrs. M. L. Howe Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Arnwine of Belding was the supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe Friday. Mr. Arnwine brought her out and came after her in the new Buick, a beauty.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## (Official.)

Council Chambers, August 2, 1918. Council called to order by Mayor Pales, Roll call. Present: Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly, McCue—6. Absent—0.

Minutes of regular and special meeting read and approved. To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Belding:

The petitioner has personally seen the mayor and five members of the council in regard to the street flushing changes we would like to make, did not manage to see Mr. Shawley. The business men are thoroughly satisfied with the previous arrangements made including the price, but there seems to be a general feeling that they would want more than three flushings per week. So we are asking you to kindly change the arrangements so that we will pay \$5.00 per flushing, which will enable us to have as many flushings as we want, providing we give Mr. Cook due and timely notice.

The money is in my hands and will be paid over to Mr. Conant so that the city at no time will be out anything. Mr. Conant also suggested that the matter of when the street should be flushed be handled through my office and I am willing to undertake this part of the deal if satisfactory to the council. All the business men expect is a thorough job and I see no reason why everything should not be all right.

I took so much of your time at the previous meeting I did not care to bother you again in person but simply to bring this matter to your attention as the aldermen have already been interviewed as before stated.

Thanking you, we are,  
Yours truly,  
B. F. Brown, Sec'y.

P. S.—The general opinion seems to be that it is wholly unnecessary to flush the streets at 4 o'clock in the morning. Between 6 and 7 or possibly the noon hour there are very few machines on the streets, if any at all. However, this part of it is only a suggestion and you will decide to suit your own ideas.

Moved by Ald. Hollenbeck, seconded by Ald. Purdy, that the city accept the proposition made by B. F. Brown, secretary of the Belding board of commerce. Motion prevailed. Yeas—Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly, McCue—6. Nays—0.

Health officer, treasurer and clerk's reports were read.

Moved by Ald. McCue, seconded by Ald. Hollenbeck, that the reports be accepted, published and placed on file in the clerk's office. Motion prevailed. Yeas—Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly, McCue—6. Nays—0.

Moved by Ald. Arnold, seconded by Ald. McCue, that the city of Belding buy \$1,000 worth of War Savings Stamps. Motion prevailed. Yeas—Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly, McCue—6. Nays—0.

Moved by Ald. Hollenbeck, seconded by Ald. Purdy, that L. W. Sayles be appointed member of the board of water commissioners to fill the unexpired term of A. M. Hall, resigned. Motion prevailed. Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly, McCue—6. Nays—0.

Auditing city bills: James Megninley, July salary \$ 90.00 Leonard McPherson, July salary 75.00 Elmer W. Little, July salary 50.00 E. L. Hubbell, July salary 35.00 E. J. Conant, July salary 66.66 G. O. Bignell, hospital rent 22.50

E. E. Cook, janitor salary, for four weeks 36.00 Mary S. Barnes, librarian, July salary 45.00 W. D. Pond, janitor July salary 45.00 P. A. Fredericks, waterworks Supt. July salary 110.00

E. J. Oberlin, day engineer 82.00 Charles Johnson, night engineer July salary 75.00 Ben Neve, utility man, July salary 82.00

E. E. Chapple & Co., labor with team 35.40 Frank Antcliff, labor with team 54.00 James Caverly, labor 27.00 George Antcliff, labor 27.00 Steve Bostwick, labor 33.00 Bert Castle, coal, gravel 1.50 James Megninley, two months' rent for garage 2.00

A. M. Simmons & Co., two bridge signs 2.50 Wise & Cobb 3.18 Belding Hardware Co. 39.94 W. Overly, repair and well at pest house 8.00

The County Poster Service, lettering board signs 3.00 Belding Lumber Co. .25 A. M. Simmons & Co., one-half dozen brooms 4.50

G. W. Kingsbury, groceries 4.29 E. S. Chase, rebate on sidewalk 129.91 Two Johns, rebates on sidewalks 55.20 Two Johns, rebates on sidewalks 7.33 W. E. Smith, labor 20.25

R. D. McNutt, staking out sidewalk 14.50 E. S. Chase, labor 3.50 Spencer Light Co. 353.67 L. C. Upson, drawing 18 loads leaves from park 4.50 Wm. H. Kennedy, July salary 65.00

Moved by Ald. Friedly, seconded by Ald. McCue, that the city bills be allowed and the clerk authorized to draw orders for same. Motion prevailed. Yeas—Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly, McCue—6. Nays—0.

Water Works bills: Joe Tower, labor 11.10 Lew McLean, labor 2.40 Peter Johnson, labor 16.10 Spencer Electric Light and Power Co. 3.44 Ames & Unger, 30¢ lighting 16.63 Belding Hardware Co., for painting and repairing tank 11.64

Moved by Ald. Friedly, seconded by Ald. Shawley, that the water works bills be allowed and the clerk authorized to draw orders for same. Motion prevailed. Yeas—Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly, McCue—6. Nays—0.

Moved by Ald. Arnold, seconded by Ald. McCue, that the common council do now adjourn. Motion prevailed. Yeas—Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly, McCue—6. Nays—0.

F. E. Conant, City Clerk.

BUY W. S. S.

## OFFICERS:

Brinton F. Hall, President.

Frank R. Chase, Vice-President.

W. L. Cusser, Cashier.

Ambrose Spencer, Asst. Cashier.

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Monthly report of the health officer to the common council of the city of Belding for the month of July, 1918.

Number of complaints of nuisances—7.

No cause for complaint—0.

Nuisances ordered removed—7.

Number removed—7.

Inspections made—7.

Classification of nuisance complaints: Filthy-closets (to clean), 1; filthy-premises, 1; garbage receptacles, 3; manure (to remove), 2; seven Sakersan (606) treatments for syphilis.

Number of cases of contagious disease reported: Measles, 1; died, 0.

Number calls made, city poor, 12; number office calls, city poor, 22.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elmer W. Little,  
Health Officer.

Monthly report of the city treasurer for the month of July, 1918.

Contingent fund . . . \$1,237.93  
Street fund . . . 1,117.92  
Operating water works fund 446.49  
Extension water works fund 31.80  
Fire fund . . . 134.50  
Street lighting fund . . . 78.20  
Park fund . . . 194.75  
Public library fund . . . 59.75  
River Ridge cemetery fund 2,937.50  
Sinking fund . . . 100.76  
Cement walk fund . . . 4,808.22  
Balance . . . \$11,500.99

Balance July 1 . . . \$ 514.99  
Contingent fund . . . 17.08  
Operating water works fund 1,609.32  
Extension water works fund 23.14  
School library fund . . . 38.00  
River Ridge cemetery fund 20.00  
Sewer dist. No. 3 sub-div 2 4.73  
Tax collected for July . . . 9,107.64  
Red from Co. Treas. del. tax. 166.09  
Balance Aug. 1 . . . \$4,808.22

Wm. E. Fisher,  
City Treasurer.

Card of Thanks.  
We wish to thank the many friends and relatives for the kindness and sympathy extended us in the sickness and death of our dear mother and sister; also for the many beautiful flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Orley Emmons.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith.  
Mr